

TESTIMONY FOR FEB. 17 MEETING RE: REPEAL OF CEQ

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Environmental Testimony Opposing the Repeal of CEQ:

The state must not eliminate the CEQ. It must continue to support the efforts of the CEQ in all ways possible. CEQ has proven to be a valuable asset in protecting open space and our valuable farmland and forests. As just one example of how it has assisted DEEP, I cite its recommendations regarding the placement of solar farms and other green energy producers on or above impervious surfaces or on landfills, brownfields, or areas of historic fill; instead of on farmland and undeveloped open spaces. With the current direction in which our federal government is going regarding the dissolution of so many environmental protections, it has become urgent for each state to take every measure possible to protect their own environmental treasures. Please do not eliminate funding for the CEQ as it provides valuable information to DEEP thereby aiding that department in making the best possible decisions for Connecticut's air, water, soil, energy needs; and most importantly for the health of its citizens.